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WEST VIRGINIA

MONROE

(32)

SWEET SPRINGS

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State

County

Town or Vicinity

Sweet Springs (now Andrew S. Rowan Memorial Home)(WVA-55)
Structure

E side of WVA Rte. 311, .5 mi. S of WVA-VA border, .3 mi. NE of intersection of Rte. 311 and Rte. 3. The first of the Allegheny Springs to attract a clientele more interested in social matters than in the curative powers of its mineral waters, Sweet Springs developed into one of the South's most fashionable ante-bellum "watering places." It was long associated with the Lewis family, who obtained the property in 1774 and developed and operated the resort until 1852. The State of West

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HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY

see SUPPL. FILE: Old Sweet Spring

Virginia purchased the Springs in 1941, and
currently (1976) operates it as the Andrew S. Rowan
Memorial Home for the Aged. Of the State's numerous
mineral spring resorts, Sweet Springs contains one of
the largest concentrations of 19th. c. structures, and
has retained much of the aura of its halcyon days. 1
photocopy (mid-19th. c., showing perspective of complex
and sketches of individual bldgs.)

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